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SUBJ : MAJOR PROJECT: CONTRACTS FOR STANDARD GAUGE
RAILWAY SIGNED

REF : A) LAGOS 5062, B) LAGOS 5703, C) LAGOS 6479

1. NIGERIAN RAILWAY CORPORATION (NRC) HAS SIGNED CONTRACT FOR MAPPING AND DESIGN OF NEW STANDARD GAUGE SYSTEM WITH FERONIGERIA (LED BY FOUGEROLLE FRANCE), SECTION 5 AND ITALRACO (ITALY), SECTION 8 AS PROJECTED REFTEL A. WORK IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN 16 MONTHS. THEREAFTER CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS WILL BE LET.

2. CONTRACT FOR TRAFFIC SURVEY, DESIGN, REVIEW AND COORDINATION SIGNED WITH SOFERAIL (FRANCE). TRAFFIC SURVEY PORTION TO BE COMPLETE IN 6 MONTHS. COMMENT: AT THAT TIME EMBASSY COULD ASCERTAIN STANDARD GAUGE EQUIPMENT NEEDS AS DESCRIBED PARA 4 REFTEL C.

3. AT SIGNING, NRC ADMINISTRATOR PATRICK JAKPA SAID "IT WAS NOTEWORTHY THAT TWO FRENCH COMPANIES ARE ON THE PROJECT. FRENCH EXPERTISE WHICH HAD BEEN PROVEN IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD HAS NOW RECEIVED AN INVITATION TO PROVE ITSELF IN NIGERIA."
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4. COMMENT: THIS STATEMENT MAY REFLECT COMMENT, PARA 3, REFTEL B, THAT GOVERNMENT AWARDED CONTRACTS ON GEOGRAPHIC BASIS.

5. PLEASE ADVISE TAMS AND NRC.
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